

### **Photographic acknowledgments**

The Editor apologises for omitting from the article on the Victoria University Library Periodicals Department in the May issue appropriate acknowledgments for the photograph on p. 73. This should be credited to Mr M. D. King, University photographer.

### **Ulverscroft large print books**

The distributors of the Ulverscroft large print series of books, Connelly Brothers Ltd., P.O. Box 496, Auckland, have a poster giving details of the series which is available to interested institutions. In their first year of publication Ulverscroft produced 100 titles; they propose to issue a further 36 title in the period June-November 1966. Ulverscroft sales are restricted to agencies for the blind, approved welfare societies, public libraries and schools.

### **Accession Notes**

Our Auckland Correspondent reports:

University libraries traditionally divide their book fund among teaching departments but at Auckland the tendency lately has been towards regional distribution. It started in 1964 when library funds were made available to buy books for the University's South Pacific Studies Programme.

Last year, the University Librarian made good use of his sabbatical leave to buy materials for Asian Studies, with special emphasis on Indonesia. At the same time, the newly appointed Professor of Chinese received a library establishment grant of £5,000 to build collections in his subject. The hundreds of volumes in Chinese which have come into the library have shown the need for a senior staff member able to cope with this material, and negotiations are now in train for the appointment of a Chinese Library School graduate to the University Library staff.

From China to the U.S.A. Early last year, the University of Auckland prepared submissions to the American Council of Learned Societies for a grant of money to the Library in support of a programme of American Studies. The Director of the A.C.L.S. American Studies Program came to Auckland to discuss the University's request and, just before Christmas, news was received that the A.C.L.S. was prepared to make a grant of \$16,600 to be spent over two years on library materials in American art and architecture, economics and economic history, geography, history, law, and literature. The grant was conditional on the University providing a matching grant of the same amount to be spent in this field.

As Professor Northey told the University Council, "This must be the largest single donation ever made to the library funds. It is a terrific boost to our resources." The gift was accepted on the conditions outlined by the A.C.L.S. and a total of £6,000 will be spent on American Studies books and periodicals in 1966-1967.

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The South Pacific Studies Programme has not been neglected meanwhile. A major gap in the University Library's holdings are official publications of island administrations and to fill this gap a buying mission to the South Pacific was proposed. Approval, and the necessary funds, have now been obtained and arrangements are in train for the Deputy Librarian to visit six island territories this August: New Caledonia, the New Hebrides, Fiji, Tonga, Western and American Samoa.

There the story rests, but only for the time being. Already a proposal for Library funds for the development of African Studies is under consideration, and one or two members of the academic staff have mentioned casually that Latin America is a rapidly developing area in which the Library should take some interest.

#### THE PROFESSION OF LIBRARIANSHIP

I place some emphasis on the importance of pursuing all our objects in a balanced programme because I fear the consequences of a too-rabid pre-occupation with professionalism—the infectious and heady rapture of upward climbing occupational groups. Let me recommend and ask you to reflect on the epitome of a professional that I like the best: "A professional is one who has lost his amateur status".

I frankly do not in the foreseeable future perceive the Librarian *qua* Librarian assuming a respected place in society as the mentor of his own professional art. His social significance and value will continue for some time at least to be derivative and its source will be Library. His best interests will therefore be served by the nourishment of a strong force in society towards the support of library development of all kinds.

Athol Johnson, in the *Papers of the Library Association of Australia*, 13th Conference 1965 (v. 2, p. 374)

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